

1. (previously amended) An image projection system comprising an illumination system for supplying an illumination beam, a modulation system for modulating said illumination beam in conformity with image information to be projected, and an optical system for projecting an image, said modulation system comprising at least one liquid crystalline image display panel having a first and a second polarizer between which a layer of TN (twisted nematic) liquid crystalline material is enclosed, characterized in that a single birefringence-compensating element is located between the layer of TN (twisted nematic) liquid crystalline material and one of the two polarizers, which element has a tilted optical director profile whose projection in the plane of the polarizers encloses an angle  $\phi$  different from 0 with the active rubbing direction of the layer.

2. (original) An image projection system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the birefringence-compensating element is an element having a negative birefringence.

3. (original) An image projection system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that  $0^\circ < \phi \leq 15^\circ$ .

4. (original) An image projection system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the element is present on that side of the liquid crystalline material where said material has its active rubbing direction.

5. (original) An image projection system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the element comprises a negative